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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" (a) No.

" (b) to (d) The Government propose to take over the following eight schools belonging to the District Boards under their management with effect from the school year 1952–53:—

1 Board High School, Bhadrachalam, East Godavari Agency district.

2 Board High School, Kotagiri, the Nilgiris district.

3 Board High School, Paramakudi, Ramanathapuram district.

4 Board High School, Tirur, Malabar district.

5 Board High School, Harpanahalli, Bellary district.

6 Board High School, Kunnathur, Chingleput district.

7 Board High School, Attur, Salem district.

8 Board High School, Mulki, South Kanara district.

" The transfer is necessitated consequent on a regulation framed by the University of Madras that Lecturers appointed to Government Training Colleges should have put in a service of three years in a Government secondary school. In order to comply with this Regulation, the Government have decided to take over under their management a few secondary schools now under local bodies' control and run them as model secondary schools wherein qualified persons could have the necessary training for this purpose. No compensation is proposed to be given to the local bodies on this account."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR:—" May I ask, Sir, whether the local bodies were consulted before the schools were taken over by the Government?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" I want notice, Sir."

Issue of liquor permits.

* 4 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(a) whether liquor permits are issued on health certificates;

(b) whether it is a fact that the quota recommended by medical authorities is generally cut down by the Government with reference to the income statement furnished by the applicants for such permits; and

(c) whether the Government have considered liberalization of rules for grant of liquor permits on medical grounds?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" (a) Yes, Sir.

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" (*b*) The quota recommended in medical certificates is generally being granted except when Government consider that in view of the low income of the applicant there is a likelihood of misuse.

" (*c*) As permits for the consumption of liquor are being granted on medical grounds, the question of liberalisation of rules does not arise."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN:—" With reference to answer to clause (*a*), may I know whether permits on grounds of ill-health are granted to high Government officials who are on duty?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" I have already said that permits are issued on medical grounds."

SRI ALEXANDER GNANAMUTTU:—" May I know what exactly is the minimum quota that will be allowed on a health certificate?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" That varies with reference to the recommendations of the doctor."

SRI Y. MAHABALESWARAPPA:—" May I bring to the notice of the Government that as some of the District Prohibition Officers do not possess telephone connections, they are put to great inconvenience and difficulty, and ask how these officers can effectively discharge their duties without telephone facilities?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" This question, I submit, does not relate to the main question. I suggest that a fresh question might be put."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN:—" May I know, Sir, whether high Government officials who have been granted permits on grounds of ill-health are allowed to be on active service and do heavy duties? Is it correct to assume that an officer who is ill enough to be granted a certificate for a liquor permit is not so ill as to necessitate his going on leave? The Hon. Minister said that high Government officials are also granted liquor permits on grounds of ill-health. I am asking, Sir, whether high Government officials who have been granted liquor permits on grounds of ill-health are allowed to be on active duty and do heavy duties?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" I did not really mean that. What I meant by the expression 'medical grounds' was the recommendation of the doctor."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN:—" May I ask, Sir, if the Government are really serious about strictly enforcing the policy of Prohibition, why they should not start with their high officials and refuse liquor permits to them?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" It is a matter for consideration and I want notice."

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SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" Can the Hon. Minister say how many such medical certificates have been issued and what the quantity is of the liquor, foreign and indigenous, that has been supplied to them? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Notice, Sir."

III.—MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to announce to the House that I have received the following letter, dated the 25th May 1952, from Shri Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras :—

' I have received with great satisfaction your Resolution of thanks for the Address with which I opened the present session of the Legislature '."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

IV.—BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1952–53.

* THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, on behalf of the Minister for Finance, I present to this House the Budget of the Government of Madras for the year 1952–53. Copies of the Budget speech of the Finance Minister [a] are now with all hon. Members and I think it is not necessary that I should formally read out his speech. With your leave, I shall make only a few observations.

" The main feature of the present Budget is that it is highly deficit. This was to be expected in view of the increasing demand of the public for welfare services. Ambitious targets have been set for the constructive work of all departments. New items of ameliorative service are making increasing demands on the exchequer. Political conditions and the post-war economic confusion have created new problems in administration, which call for substantial increases in administrative and security services. The progressive increase in expenditure in various departments can be seen from the following comparative figures :—

	Expenditure in 1945–46 RS. LAKHS.	*Estimated expenditure in* 1951–52 RS. LAKHS.
Education	460	1,180
Public Health	234	483
Agriculture	74	389
Highways	146	499
Rural Development	Nil.	57
Harijan Uplift	29	113
Police	298	668
General Administration	427	712

[a] See Appendix on pages 17–53 infra.